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## President Quirino Sworn In

Manila, Dec. 30.—President Elpidio Quirino was inaugurated in his first full term of office today, and pledged that the Philippines will keep an "open mind" in its relations with China while helping to forestall "the entry of subversive ideas" in the Asiatic sphere.

After taking oath of office for a full four-year term as the second president of the Republic, Mr. Quirino said in his inauguration address that the Philippines was prepared to carry on relations with both China and Japan but regarded the United States as "still our best friend."

The 59-year-old Ilcano was sworn in by Chief Justice Manuel V. Moran of the Supreme Court at the stroke of noon before thousands of persons assembled at the historic Luneta on Manila Bay front.

Mr. Quirino's outdoor inauguration on a gaily decorated wooden grandstand preceded by a few minutes that of 45-year-old Fernando Lopez of Iloilo, who was elected Vice-President in November after serving only two years of his first term in the national Senate.

### JAPAN'S ROLE

The President's remarks on China were interpreted by diplomatic sources here as meaning that the Philippines has not yet decided whether to recognize the Communist regime. His reference to the United States was considered a reminder that America should help fight Communism in the Far East as well as in Europe.

Mr. Quirino acknowledged that the Japanese "will play an important role in our part of the world."

He said: "We are expected to be convinced that they have sufficiently repented the injuries inflicted on their costly course of aggression and have sufficiently experienced a change of heart as to want not to repeat it but to co-operate instead in keeping our neighborhood peaceful and prosperous."—United Press.

## RECOGNITION OF BAO DAI

London, Dec. 28.—Britain has decided to recognize the French sponsored government of Indo-China headed by Bao Dai, erstwhile Emperor of Annam.

British recognition of Indo-China is to be "de facto," which means an acceptance of the fact that the Bao Dai regime exists. It could lead to full scale diplomatic de jure recognition which acknowledges a government's legal right to exist.—Associated Press.

## EDITORIAL

### The Great Russian Idea

THE more the present Soviet system is considered in the light of Russian history, the more is its resemblance to the imperialism of the Czars made apparent. How much Communism there is in Russia today, besides state ownership of the means of production and the use of Communist terminology for other ends, is open to dispute. But there can be no doubt about the Great Russian part of the system. It is part and parcel of the Great Russian heritage that bears the impress of Tartar rule and the urge of conquest. This system expresses itself today in the complete regimentation of the Russian people, in the creation of a new aristocracy and a caste system which have given a supposedly classless society more class distinctions and greater differentiation of income than anywhere else in the world. It expresses itself in the militarization of the country, and the continuation of that spectacular expansion which has made the former tiny Duchy of Muscovy the ruler of a large part of the earth. Last and not least, it has expressed itself in the fantastic celebrations in connection with the birthday of Stalin. The occasion marked the apotheosis of Stalin as all-round genius and demigod.

Already hailed by the Russian Orthodox Church as the leader who is piloting Russia "along the ancient, sanctified road of power, greatness and glory," Stalin is now being celebrated as the "father and teacher, the eagle's glory of the centuries," as the "military genius of our time," the "theoretician and initiator of the transformation of nature," the "author of great victories in all branches of national economy, science and culture," the "coryphaeus of world science," the "inexhaustible source of creative inspiration in all the arts," the "inspired leader of the world proletariat" and the "genius-creator of the friendship of the Soviet peoples." All this no longer has anything to do with Communism. For Communism, whatever else it does, espouses, in theory at least, an egalitarian philosophy designed to rouse the underprivileged. Rather is it a return to the "little father" concept of the Czars. It is deification—the fostering of flattery and submission to the ruler, which gives him safety from the arbitrariness of his dictates. It is this aspect that stands out in the "Communism" of Russia today. Against this aspect even Communists in some other countries have begun to rebel.

## Truman Confers With Advisers On Formosa Defence

### CHIANG SENDS HURRIED CALL FOR U.S. AID

WASHINGTON, DEC. 29.—PRESIDENT TRUMAN TODAY CONFERRED WITH HIS TOP MILITARY AND FOREIGN POLICY ADVISERS FOR 75 MINUTES ON NATIONALIST CHINA'S HURRIED CALL FOR HELP TO SAVE FORMOSA FROM THE COMMUNISTS.

The conferees, comprising the President's National Security Council, refused to say what action, if any, had been recommended. General Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, took with him to the conference a number of proposals advanced by the Army to meet the Communist threat to Formosa.

The Joint Chiefs, it is reported, favoured sending "limited" arms aid to the Nationalists in Formosa and a new military mission to advise Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's generals. Informed Administration sources said the Joint Chiefs regard the defence of Formosa from the Chinese Communists as of great importance. But a source said that top military officers here do not think that American troops should be sent there even if it were the only action that would save Formosa.

The State Department, it is reported, has been contending that the United States either should be willing to commit itself to send troops to Formosa if necessary or write off the island. But defence officials were said to have believed all along that some middle course of military aid would prevent the Communists from taking Formosa.

### NO COMMENT

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. John Snyder, who is not a member of the Council but who attended the White House conference, declined to say whether Formosa was discussed. "You'll have to get that from the State Department," he said.

The Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Francis Matthews, another non-member, also attended. The White House said that President Truman presided over the whole except the last few minutes of the meeting. Others present were the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, the Under-Secretary of Defence, Mr. Stephen Early, Acting Secretary of Commerce Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, acting Foreign Aid Administrator William Foster Bradley, Rear Admiral Roscoe Hilleken, chief of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Presidential assistants, John Steelman, and Sidney Souers.

executive secretary of the Council.

The Press Secretary, Mr. Charles Ross, declined to comment on what the Council discussed. Other sources said the Council, as usual, talked about much of the world picture, and it was understood this included problems in India—United Press.

### DIRECT REQUEST

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Chinese Nationalist Government has asked the United States for military advisers to assist in the defence of Formosa, authoritative quarters reported today.

They said the approach for military advisers was made from Formosa itself, where Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has set up his government, and that it was not conveyed by the Chinese emissaries in this country. Neither the State Department nor the White House would comment, however, on a published report that President Truman had called for a new "positive" policy in Asia.

The Presidential Press secretary, Charles Ross, refused to comment on a report that Mr. Truman had directed the State Department to work out a more specific approach to the problem of Formosa and Communist expansion in the Far East.

Mr. Ross also said he knew nothing about a report from the Far East quoting Chinese Nationalist sources as saying that 32 "returned" American officers have already arrived at Formosa.

A despatch from Gen. MacArthur reportedly led up to the idea of American occupation of Formosa to keep the Communists out. Authoritative sources said one possible course discussed with policy leaders here is the occupation of the island by the nations participating in the Far Eastern Command.—(Continued on Page 5)

## QUAKES CONTINUE IN LUZON

Manila, Dec. 30.—After shocks, following yesterday's three sharp quakes which rocked the length of Luzon Island, continued for 13 hours and 43 minutes, causing hundreds of thousands in North Luzon to spend the night in the open under occasional rain.

One death and more than a score of injuries, mostly minor, had been reported to the Philippines Red Cross this morning. Severest damage appeared to be in Nueva Ecija, Mountain, Isabela and Cagayan Provinces in North Central and Eastern Luzon, where broken telephone lines, wrecked bridges and highways, blocked by landslides and wide fissures, hampered communications.

Last night's report attributing the drowning of one woman and the capsizing of a ferry boat containing eight persons to "tidal waves" on Isabela coastal rivers was discounted by the Government Observatory. Waves on the rivers following the quakes are not tidal waves but local agitation. So far there have been no reports of tidal waves which might spread nerves to Pacific to other areas, the Observatory said.

### NO VOLCANO

The Observatory also sought to broadcast assurances to people in Northern Luzon that there is no danger of volcanic activity, as the shocks originated deep in the earth due to slipping of the crust.

Geyzers, sometimes accompanied by steam, spewed mud and water high into the air from fissures in many places. There were widespread panicky reports that a new volcano was forming.

Manila suffered extensive damage to buildings, as did every city of Luzon, but few structures collapsed. An after shock of intensity four, but of short duration, at 10.22 a.m. GMT caused a brief panic in one Manila theatre, during which several persons were bruised in the rush for the exits.—Associated Press.

## Air Search Abandoned

The aerial search for the missing Spitfire pilot who bailed out over the sea about 11 a.m. on Wednesday has been abandoned, it was announced this morning. The search by ships and on land continue in the hope that the pilot might have reached shore or some lone islet.

The pilot bailed out when the engine of his Spitfire failed during a routine training flight over Mirs Bay.

Since the first report was received, an extensive search has been carried out by numerous aircraft, operating in conjunction with naval vessels and police launches.

## Outstanding Cadet



Field Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, presenting the sword of honour for the most outstanding officer cadet to Senior Under Officer J. A. Tengue, of Tunbridge Wells, at the Sovereign's Parade of the Royal Military Academy, at which the year's cadets were passed out.

## CHINESE NOTIFY WASHINGTON OF YANGTSE MINING

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Chinese Nationalist government notified the United States today that approaches to the Yangtse River and Shanghai have been mined to enforce the Nationalist blockade of Communist China.

## HUNGARY TAKES OVER FOREIGN ENTERPRISES

Budapest, Dec. 29.—Hungary today announced the nationalisation of all enterprises employing more than 10 people, including all major foreign concerns, among which are Dutch, British and American companies. Compensation was promised to all owners who claim it within 90 days.

British officials here today stated that British enterprises involved, which include a subsidiary of the Coats cotton concern, amounted to "several million pounds."

British circles thought that the British Government would "undoubtedly take a very serious view" of the decree.

The Phillips Radio Company, a Dutch subsidiary, was among the others specifically included in the decree.

### FRENCH SALE

A French spokesman said today that the directors of the last French concern left in Hungary, the "Air Liquid" chemical factory, had not been notified of the nationalisation and that it was not clear whether this factory was also immediately affected.

Other French firms sold out to the Hungarian Government last summer.

The American concerns affected include the Vacuum Oil Company and the Standard Electric Company, which has recently been in the news because of the arrest of two of its foreign officials on spy charges.

It was believed here that the two officials concerned would be tried rather than expelled.—Reuter.

The State Department immediately issued a new warning to American shipping companies against moving their vessels into the area.

Its information was that no channels have been left open and that the only way to move vessels in and out would be to sweep the mines.

"United States shipping companies and masters who contemplate movement of vessels late to the area are warned accordingly," the State Department said.—Associated Press.

This information is being transmitted to all shipping companies, operators and ship masters by the Navy's Hydrographic Office and the Maritime Commission.

The new warning gave added force to a notice of December 23 that American ship masters disregarding the advice to keep out of Shanghai as a danger area would endanger their licences.

The State Department made a particular point then of warning the Isbrandtsen Line of New York, two of whose ships have been fired on by Nationalist warships. A copy of the earlier warning was delivered on December 20 to the captain of the Isbrandtsen Line ship, Flying Arrow, when it was at Pusan, Korea.—Associated Press.

## Winnie Holds Up Ship

Southampton, Dec. 29.—Mr. Winston Churchill's late arrival caused a delay of 20 minutes in the sailing of the Durban Castle today. Only once in the last 50 years has a Union Castle ship been held up for a passenger.

Mr. and Mrs. Churchill are to spend a fortnight's holiday in Madeira.—Reuter.

## Tram Lock-Out Maintained

### FEWER BUSES ON ROAD

No new developments were reported this morning in the dispute between the employees of the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd. and their employers. The lock-out is being maintained, while pickets of workers continued their watch around the company's premises.

Today is the date set by the company for the dismissed conductors to turn in their uniforms and equipment and obtain the pay due to them. This morning, a new notice was posted outside the main door of the company's offices in Russell Street. It contained the names of all dismissed conductors with instructions that they report to the office today with their uniforms, passes and equipment and they would be paid their wages.

## SYDNEY STANLEY

### Files Suit For Kidnapping

Paris, Dec. 29.—Sydney Stanley today filed a complaint against "unknown persons" for kidnapping him in France on April 1 and stealing from him jewellery and money he estimated to be worth £10,400.

Assisted by two French lawyers, he lodged his complaint before Georges Berry, the dean of instructing Magistrates of the Palais de Justice. According to French law, M. Berry asked Stanley for 20,000 Francs to constitute himself a plaintiff.

Mr. Stanley, a man wearing a beige raincoat, a bow tie and no hat, told reporters that he abruptly left England secretly in April without answering a summons for a £22,000 debt.

"People I knew told me they would facilitate my passage to Israel," he said on April 1 this year they definitely kidnapped me in three different places. First of all they took me to a flat located at 70 Faubourg Saint Denis. After three or four days they took me to another apartment. They told me both British and French police were after me.

### NOT DECLARED

"They held me and took from me £10,400 in notes of one and five pounds and my jewels. As they had not been declared at the customs I could not do anything about it. They made me dye my hair black and took me to Marseilles. There they gave me US\$1,200 in notes and set (Continued on Page 5)

At a meeting of the workers last evening, they decided against reporting today, as they felt that such action on their part would be equivalent to submission to summary dismissal.

In support of the dismissed conductor, all motormen and gatemen, who have been given a week's notice, effective from today, and who have received instructions to report daily to the company's offices until expiry of the notice, ignored these directions.

An official of the tramway company this morning said he had no comment to make when asked if the company had any plans for resuming the tram service which has been stopped since Wednesday.

A strong party of Police is on duty around the company's premises to prevent any incidents.

### FEWER BUSES

Meanwhile, the bus services are being maintained, but with considerably fewer buses on the roads. This has been due to the drivers' refusal to work overtime. The bus employees have sent a letter to the management of the China Motor Bus Company asking for a special allowance of \$3 a day by tomorrow on threat of further action if a satisfactory reply is not received.

Pending a reply, drivers are maintaining a speed limit of 15 mph, taking only the maximum number of passengers allowed and refusing to work overtime.

Because of the withdrawal of a number of buses from their normal routes, long queues are to be seen at all bus stops, and some have had to wait as long as an hour before they can board a bus. Order is being maintained by the police, who seek to it that nobody boards a bus out of turn.

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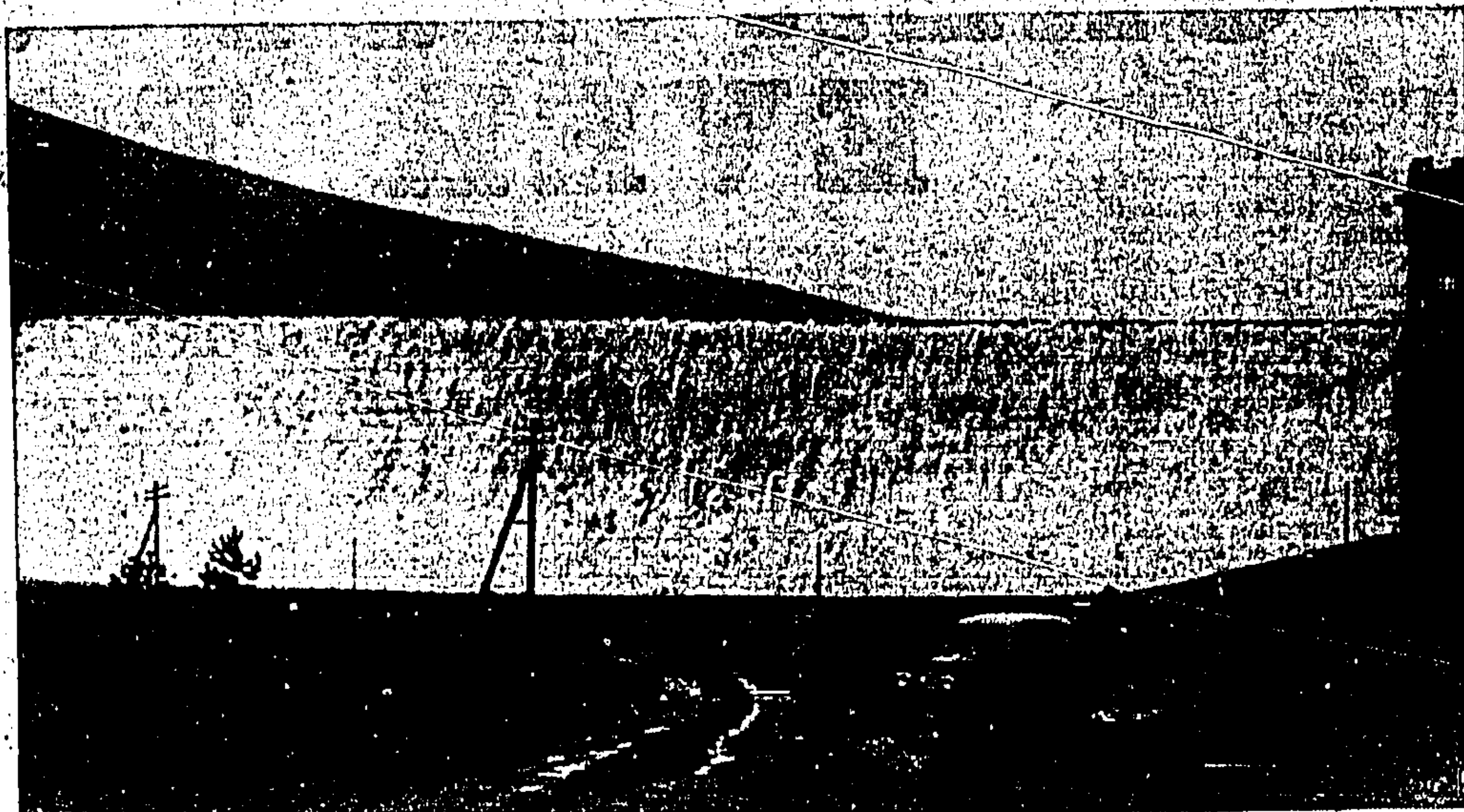




# PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



**HAITI OPENS EXPOSITION** — Visitors pass the "Point of Liberty" in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, during ceremonies at the opening of the Bicentennial Exposition, in which 26 nations are taking part.



**BRITAIN SEES END OF WATER SHORTAGE** — Looking like a miniature Niagara, millions of gallons of water cascade over the dam wall at Derwent Reservoir, Derbyshire, after heavy rain. This is the first time the dam and adjoining Reservoir have been full since last summer's drought, with ample supplies for next summer.



**SNOWBOUND CYCLES** — An all-night snowfall caught students of Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, by surprise as they arose to find some of the 1,484 campus bicycles buried.



**'QUEEN' OF EGYPT** — Marie Soury smiles after her election in Cairo as "Club Queen of Egypt" over scores of entrants from social and sporting clubs.



**ANOTHER SPHINX FOUND IN EGYPT** — Egyptologists touch up a new Sphinx recently uncovered in the long lost Avenue of Sphinxes, between Karnak and Luxor, in Egypt.



**SENATORIAL DUCK HUNT** — U.S. Senator and Mrs. Millard Tydings (center), and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hines discuss their bag after a duck hunt on the Tydings estate at Chesapeake Bay, Maryland.



**FRENCH CHIEF** — Major Gen. Clement B. White, 52-year-old veteran of both World Wars, has been named by France's Cabinet as Chief of Staff of French land forces.



**FRENCH PRIZE BABIES** — Jean Paul Roume (left), 33 months, held by Jacques Marinelli, cyclist, and Patricia Claude, 30 months, held by Lino Renaud, singer, won Paris's most beautiful baby contest over 500 entrants from all over France.



**FIRE DEPARTMENT** — Tom Showers, Los Angeles County fireman, shows the model fire apparatus he built since he started eight years ago as a U.S. Army fireman.



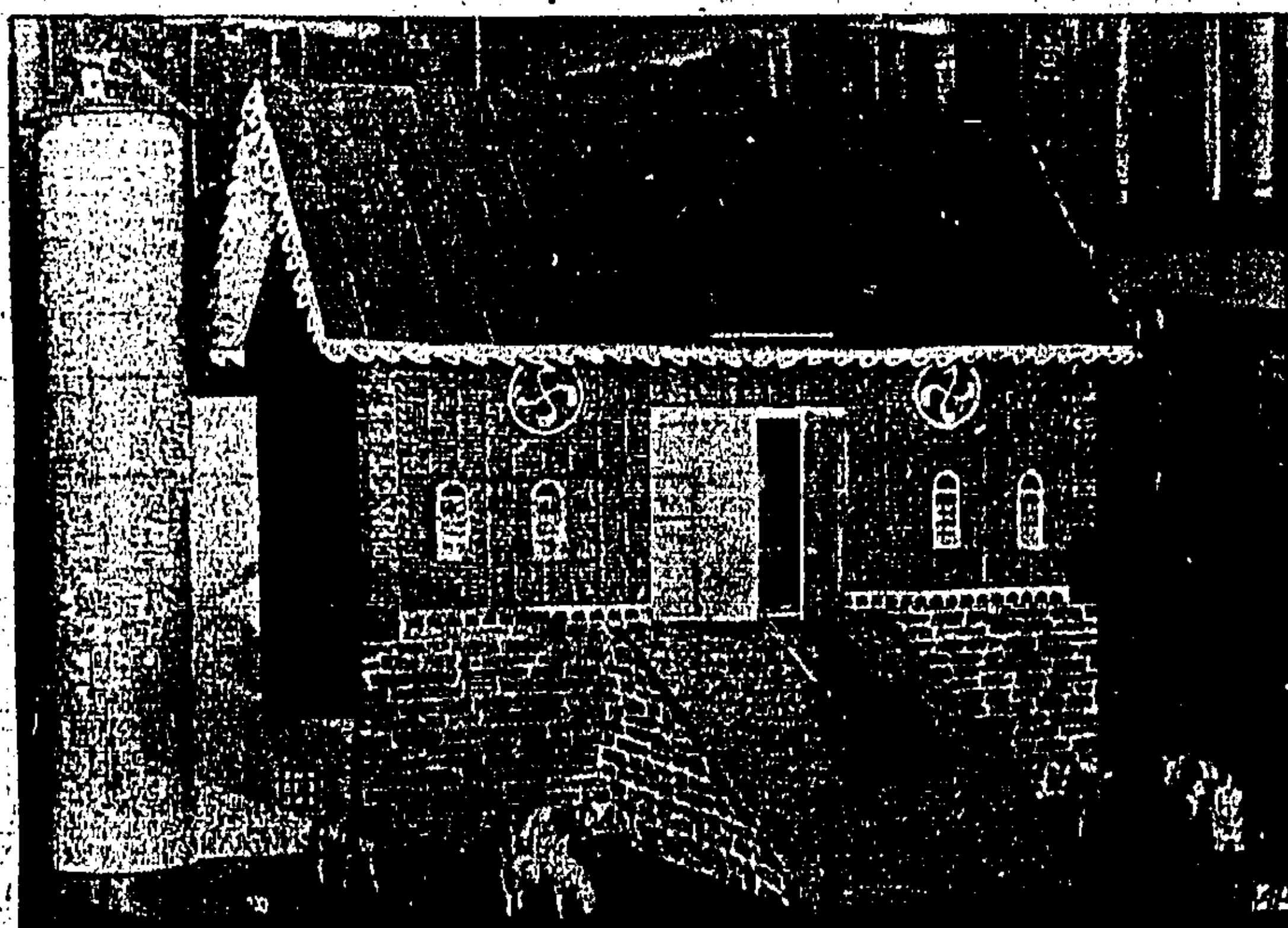
**COIN DRESS** — Patricia Novell displays a black satin evening gown trimmed with highly-polished coins made by Eugenia Seymour of Monrovia, California, former WAC, for a charity fund. Mrs. Seymour spent three months making the dress.



**'EVIL'** — Italian-born sculptor Diego Calcano-Feraud exhibited this statuette called "Evil" at his first one-man show in London. Born in Naples, Feraud studied in Rome.



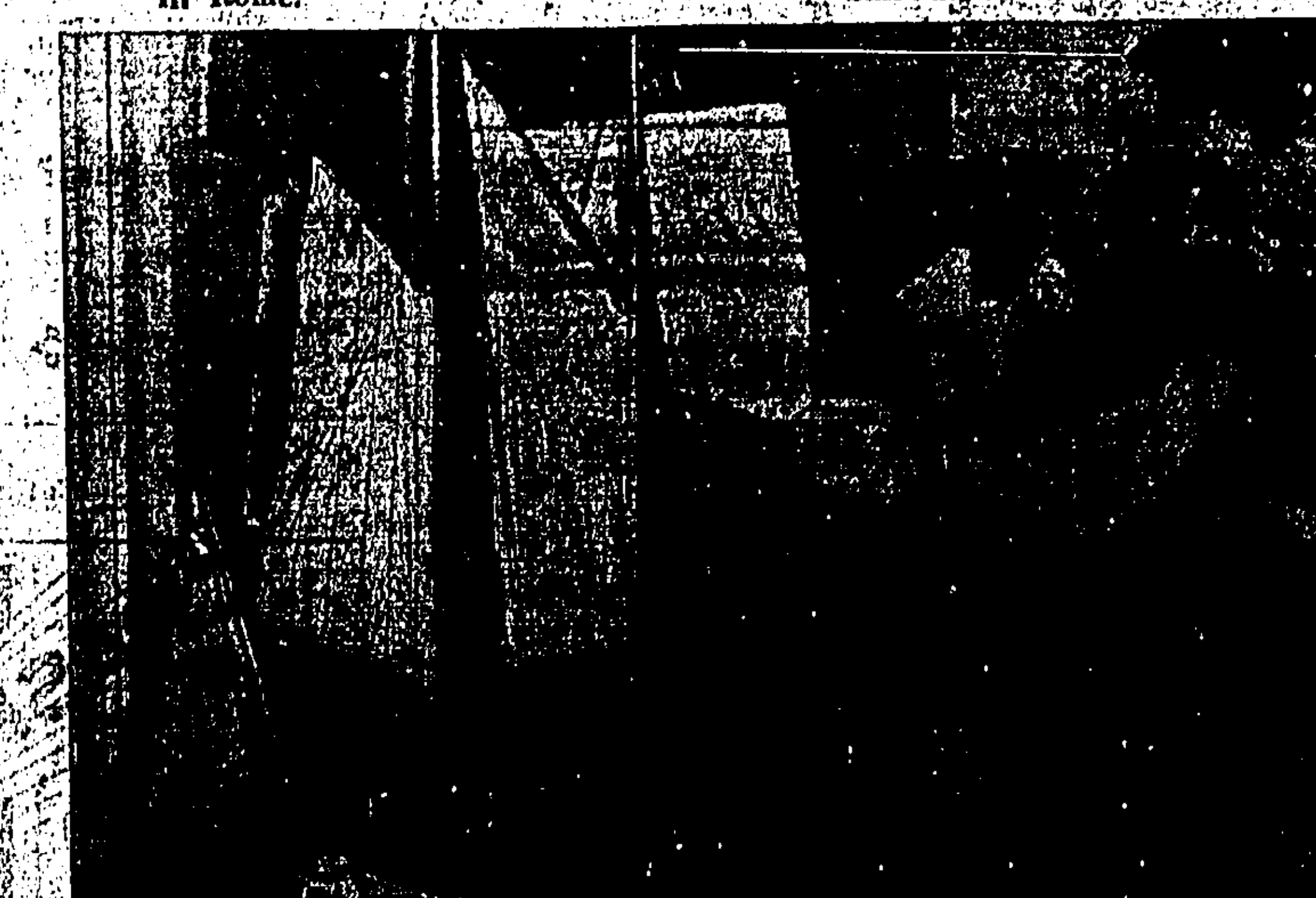
**HOSTESS** — Donna Inez Munoz-Maria (right), wife of Puerto Rico's first elected Governor, is hostess to stage and screen star Jose Ferrer, native Puerto Rican, and his wife, at the opening of the Caribe Hilton Hotel, in San Juan.



**LIBRARY TRIBUTE TO READERS** — This toy barn, built by the staff of the public library of Haverhill, Massachusetts, bears the names of 984 boys and girls in the library's Vacation Reading Club.



**PARIS FASHIONS FOR MEN** — A model displays a brown and yellow checked jacket with dark brown flannel trousers, while his companion wears a corduroy ensemble, at an exhibition of men's fashions, one of the first of its kind in Paris.



**STUDY FOR SAILORS** — French sailors, during a tour of the Naval Museum in the Palais de Chaillot, Paris.



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The Temple scholars and theologians kept after Him with crafty questions. They even joined one day with a shrewd group of Herodians, working together they tried to upset Jesus by posing another dangerous political and social question: Should a good Jew pay the Roman taxes? That was a real poser! For Jesus said no. He would be guilty of treason. But if He said yes, all Palestine would be called for a penny and pointed to the image on the coin; the profile of Augustus Caesar.

"Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's"—and so with that astute answer, another trap failed.

## They Saw Him

THE next day was the day before the Feast; the celebration of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread would begin at sundown in the fifth of April, A.D. 30.

Strangely, that fateful morning when Jesus resumed His preaching in the Temple, there were no spies waiting to debate with Him. As a matter of fact, for some days the high priests' agents had been paying increasing attention to the disciples, rather than to their leader. Later one of these spies talked confidentially to the high priest.

Calphas was very much pleased with himself. He had found one of the Twelve who would sell out. He had never known any man who did not have at least one disloyal friend.

"We are almost ready," Calphas exclaimed. "There is only one more big hurdle. That's my father-in-law, Annas."

Annas was now a very old man but he was still the political boss of Jerusalem. Of the sixty families in the Temple aristocracy, his was the richest and the most powerful. For years Annas had served his people as high priest. When he felt he had held the post long enough, he passed on the fringed blue robe and stately headdress to his eldest son, and then, in turn, to six of his other sons. Now his own seat was used up, his son-in-law, Calphas, got the job—he was the visible authority, under the God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob, but he was also privately under the firm governance of Lord Father-in-Law!

## "He Will Ruin Us"

IT was a dark spring evening. Thursday, the seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord 30, when Calphas said to Annas: "I think the fate of this nation may hinge on what we do tonight."

"The nation has withstood many other nights. Are we at the crossroads again?" jeered Annas, who hated rhetoric.

"Why tonight?"

"Because unless we settle this fellow Jesus He will ruin us all," Annas sneezed. "How can I possibly be ruined by a way-side tramp?"

"Just consider, Lord Annas, what He has been able to do in three short years. Our whole world here about, I tell you, is filled with lying reports that He is a prophet, and that He can perform miracles."

"Don't you know miracles don't happen any more?" Annas sniffed again.

"They believe," pursued Calphas, parting his beard, "that Jesus drives out devils, makes crooked legs straight, gives sight to blind eyes, and even brings the dead back to life."

"And I still want to know why do you bother me with such nonsense, Joseph Calphas?"

"Last Sunday, the tenth Nisan, while you were away, He rode into Jerusalem, with twelve of His followers trailing behind Him. He was seated on a Babylonian ass! As if, by our traditions, He considered Himself a king, a judge or a prophet. How do you like that?"

"Arrest Him?"

"WHY don't you order the man arrested then and there?" Annas asked querulously.

"Because this is feast time, and Jerusalem is full of pilgrims

—two hundred thousand and more and the rabble love Him. The scum love Him. They might easily revolt."

Annas lifted his old arms in a mock helpless gesture.

"Joseph Calphas," he barked, "what is it you want to do with this Jesus?"

"I want to arrest Him—and then summon the whole council!"

"On the eve of the feast?" gasped Annas, as if his ears lied.

"I want to arrest Him tonight," Lord Annas Calphas replied with a gaunt, nearsighted look.

"His influence has reached a point where we should not hesitate any longer."

"Arrest Him! Summon the whole council! Nonsense!" barked Annas. "The man thinks He is the Messiah! Well, what Galilean does not? He's only another Messiah! I do hope, my boy, you are not taking your position as high priest too seriously."

The old man's scorn failed to shake Calphas.

## A Different One

"I HAVE to make you see that this is a different Messiah," he said sternly. "One with ideas about the rich and the poor not to my liking—nor to yours, Lord Annas. He says the Gentiles are just as good as we are."

On the old man's freckled face there came and went a puckering, twisting of malice.

"Quite mad, no doubt! Quite mad!" But his covert satire was lost.

"Jesus is against our entire economic system and intends to destroy it. He denounces the rich. He sets class against class. Already members of our Sadducean families are actually joining His group. They are traitors to their class."

The wrinkles deepened on the dried-apple face of Annas.

"He talks to the people and after He goes away they begin to ask questions," Calphas continued. "Such as why the poor do not have the same civil and political rights as the rich. Why our Sadducean families have so much to eat and the others so little. He tells them all men are equal in the sight of God."

"Well, this is news!" muttered Calphas.

"Why, Lord Annas, Jesus is making it so that any man in Jerusalem with two pairs of sandals begins to feel ashamed of himself when he passes a barefoot beggar."

"Why was I not told of this before?"

"You have been away for two months. Besides, we waited until we were ready to lay the whole matter before you," Calphas explained hurriedly. "But not all the Sanhedrin has been idle. We allowed the scribes and the Pharisees to bicker and debate with Him, but we of what some insist on calling the Calphas group were always on the watch to catch Him."

"In what crime?"

"Blasphemy—and, if possible, in treason."

## Deadly Strategy

ANNAS'S slow smile was shrewd and a little tragic. He understood the deadly strategy. The old political boss was not a bloodthirsty man, but he was beginning to suspect that perhaps his son-in-law was not alarmed without cause.

"You have not heard what happened in the Temple," pursued Calphas, ready to play his winning card. "Did you know that this harmless Galilean fanatic, as you called Him, entered the Temple, kicked over the tables of our money-changers, and drove our dealers out with a whip?"

"Attacking our dealers?" Annas was instantly scandalized. "He said, 'Make not My Father's house a place of merchandise.'"

"His father's home?" And He scoured our changers?"

"Did I not say so?"

"And people are listening to this man, you say?"

"They greeted Him with palms and Hosannas. There is not one of the innkeepers in Jerusalem tonight who does not debate if He is or is not the Messiah the Christ!"

"When the feast is over, then we shall go after Him, Calphas."

"Lord Annas, we can't wait that long—not another day,

even. The mobs might rise up and rescue Him."

"We must raise our own counter rabble!" decided Annas suddenly.

"To denounce Him?"

"Of course. For blasphemy! And treason. The first to worry the poor pious fools of the Pharisees. The second to worry Pilate."

## A Hesitant Annas

"YOU don't believe this Jesus has any real miraculous power of course? Any gifts our learned scholars have not yet discovered?"

"Why do you jest with me, Lord Annas?"

"Something makes me hesitate to enter on this business. So I have asked a trial under conditions unprecedented in all our history."

"But Lord—"

"Peace! My practical good sense tells me I am justified in agreeing to your plans. It is only inside my mind that I have made definite plans, I suppose?"

"I don't have to tell you that the practical and legal difficulties were enough to discourage even a man of action like myself. Getting the court to agree to assemble in the dead of night—and to keep their sticking tongues quiet beforehand—that in itself was no simple task. Arranging for witnesses is not proving to be easy, either, let me tell you."

"But what about ratification?" interrupted Annas. They both knew perfectly well that the Sanhedrin could pronounce the death sentence, before it could be carried out. The Procurator, had Pilate's approval, of the death sentence in time? You must kill this man before the crowds find out what you are doing! If you don't..."

"I know, Lord. We leave Pilate to you. You are the one man in Judea who knows how to handle him."

## An Informer

THE flattery was not lost. The face of the withered little man flushed.

"So," he sighed benignly, "you set out to save the nation and wind up by asking me to save you from your folly. Very well, since it is necessary, I will do it. Send out and arrest Jesus!"

The high priest lifted his large soft hands.

"Sorry Lord Annas. We don't know where to find Him tonight. He constantly eludes our spies, as if He were a cooer. But if you will permit, there is a man outside..."

"An informer?"

"One of His own men. He will talk only to you."

"Do we really need him?"

"Those who could tell us where He hides for the night all seem to be His friends," answered Calphas, with an exasperated air. "Only this one man seems to be amenable."

"Well," sighed Annas, "it is sometimes necessary to make use of traitors, but they always turn the taste of a decent man's spit. Send in your man."

"And Joseph Calphas called softly:

"You may come in, now—Judas Iscariot."

## The Upper Room

AT sundown of that same day thirteen men met to celebrate the Passover in an upper room in a house on Mount Zion.

In spite of the warnings Jesus had given the Twelve, none of them realised, or was willing to believe, that this would be their last meal together. They were still too far from the end and too stupid to grasp, as they would later, the great historical realities of the drama in which they were actors.

At such a tragic time, while they were still a good long way from being saints and while waiting for the Master to join them, they began arguing among themselves all over again about priority. In spite of previous rebukes, they argued once more about which of them would be the greater, which would be the closest assistant to the Master, in the glory of the future.

In the very midst of their squabbling He suddenly appeared, wrapped in a long blue cloak, at the doorway. This time Jesus did not admonish them in mere words, but in unmistakable action.

His garments laid aside, He stood facing them with only a towel wrapped around Him. In the unbroken and bewildered quiet, Jesus poured water from a pitcher into a basin. Then He knelt at the foot of his strongest and sturdiest disciple.

## "You Shall Know"

"MASTER," gasped Peter, do you wash my feet? No! No! You must not!"

"Twenty-two feet He washed; at last He came to Judas.

Some in the room had already noticed that a strange mood had fallen on the treasurer and keeper of the bag; it was as if Judas was looking upon some dire vision, visible only to him.

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## KILLER 'PLANES GUARD SHIPS OVER 7000 MILES' VOYAGE

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From FREDERICK COOK, New York.

THE United States navy recently completed three weeks of foul-weather war exercises beyond the Arctic Circle. Most of what was learned by the ships' companies who took part is a secret. But one important lesson has been revealed: the stay-down submarines, which the Germans stole from the Dutch and the Russians developed in large numbers, are not as dead as had been believed.

Whenever there is enough open water and sky for aircraft-carriers to operate, these submarines can be hunted down and sunk with relative ease.

As a result of the maneuvers, the Navy are confident that any evilly-disposed Power attempting a submarine onslaught in the Atlantic and Arctic sea lanes in any future war is in for a shock.

Easier now

Ships of the 2nd Task Force found that radar-guided aircraft, used in conjunction with specially-equipped destroyers

and long-range direction finders, can dispose of enemy submarines much more easily than during the last war, and under conditions which would then have been considered virtually impossible.

The Task Force made a 7,000-mile journey from Norfolk, Virginia, to the Davis Strait (between Baffin Island and Greenland), during which they continually beat off attacks by submarine packs.

Forces of hunter-killer ships were active around light aircraft-carriers, such as the 27,000-ton Philippine Sea and the smaller Siboney.

These killers scoured the sea ahead of the main fleet by day and night, forcing submarines to remain submerged most of the time, and "sinking" them when they surfaced.

Only when exceptionally high seas, strong winds and poor visibility prevailed did the submarines do effective work. Conditions were unfavourable for carrier operations, and Vice-admiral D. B. Duncan, commander of the fleet

"You have said it," answered Jesus. Even then the Master could not keep the pity from His eyes. "That which you do, do quickly."

As John wrote later, Judas received the morsel of bread and drank, and then fled from the room; the door slammed heavily behind him.

## "This Is My Body"

BUT when Judas was gone, Jesus made no further reference to him. Instead He took the bread, and broke it, passing a piece to each of the eleven, as He said:

"Take you and eat. This is My body."

They ate. Then He filled with wine the chalice, one of the liturgical cups of the paschal rite. And now Jesus gave thanks and passed the chalice of wine to the eleven, saying:

"Drink you all of this. For this is My blood of the new testament which shall be shed for many unto remission of sins. Do this for a commemoration of Me."

## "One Shall Betray Me"

"I speak not of you all when I say you are clean now. I know whom I have chosen, but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled: 'He that eats bread with Me shall lift up his hand to betray Me.' At present I tell you, before it comes to pass, that one of you that eats with Me shall betray Me."

These sudden and completely shocking words of the Master resounded frighteningly in the dining room.

Their faces were full of sorrow as one after the other, they asked Him the same question:

"Is it I?"

"Who is it?" shouted Peter. And John, who loved Jesus intensely, was even at that moment leaning his head on the Master's bosom: the young disciple gently echoed the fisherman's voice:

"Lord, who is it?"

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## The Parting

THIS was the time of the real parting between Jesus and those who loved Him in this world.

What He said to His faithful eleven, after that first communion, was a farewell, not merely to them, but to Mary and to His friends in Bethany and to all those born and unborn, who would love Him and keep His ways.

"Little children," He told them softly, "yet a little while I am with you. You shall seek Me, and I shall say to the Jews: 'Whither I go, you cannot come,' so I may go to you now."

"A new commandment I give unto you: that you love one another—as I have loved you, that you also love one another. And, as often before, He told them, they would be ashamed of Him, but now His forecast of this odious act was not in the indeterminate future—but tonight.

And now He made to Peter a most extraordinary statement. Here was Peter, the rock on which Christ would build the church; Peter, to whom Jesus now said:

"I say to thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day till thou

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## NANCY

Cat-astrophe



## SOAP THAT SPELLS BEAUTY









Alan Hoby Answers The Question:

# Who Pays When Football Stars Fetch £26,000?

Question everyone is asking—"Where do football clubs like Preston North End find the money to pay £26,000 for one player, Eddie Quigley?" The answer is simple. With few exceptions, the 88 Football League clubs buy and sell footballers as if they were cattle.

Under this system clubs often sell one pair of legs to the highest bidder in order that they can buy a more fancied pair from another.

I am not attacking Preston for doing this—but the system. There is no straighter man in Soccer than Jim Taylor, who runs Preston's affairs.

Moreover, under League rules, this ancient and honourable club—they won't pay a pound to a man "under the counter"—are perfectly entitled to spend £50,000 on a player if they can afford it.

## SYSTEM IS WRONG

Indeed, Preston have already spent £102,500 on five players this season.

What I object to is a system which, in the middle of the twentieth century, allows such a traffic.

Professional footballers earn £12 a week and under. Yet, officially they are not given a penny of their transfer fees.

Preston, of course, are a solvent and extremely well-run club.

Before they went into the market a few weeks ago for Quigley and Forbes, whom they bought from Wolves for £14,000, they were in a position, if necessary, to spend £100,000 on players.

Last season they made a profit of between £13,000 and £14,000. In the past few years they have cleared between £4,000 and £10,000 a season, and one season this spiralled to £30,000.

STILL SOME LEFT

They raised another £20,000 when they internationalised winger Bobby Langton, went to Bolton recently.

They also put through several little deals including the sale of Begon to Manchester United and Carbett to Leicester.

HASTINGS CHESS CONGRESS

Hastings, Sussex, Dec. 29.—Chess masters of Austria, Britain, Belgium, France, Holland, Ireland, Hungary, Norway, the United States and Germany saw Lord Simon, a chess enthusiast and former Lord Chancellor, open the 25th International Christmas Chess Congress here today.

Lord Simon and Mr. Neil Cooper-Key, Member of Parliament, each made a move to begin the first round of the Hastings Chess Congress, which is being held at the Royal Hotel, Hastings, from December 29 to January 4.

Lord Simon said that chess was "the only activity which is pursued under the same rules today on both sides of the Iron Curtain. It is therefore one of the unifying forces of humanity."

The chief interest tonight centred on the first-round preliminary match in which 17-year-old Larry Evans, of the United States, met W. A. Winner, who is more than three times as old as his opponent.

Other masters competing in the preliminary section include Barda, three times Champion of Norway, Szabo of Hungary, Rossolimo, the French Champion and last year's Hastings Congress winner, Dr. Euwe, the Dutch Grand Master and I. Koniig, J.A. Fuller and B.H. Wood.

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## FOR PLEASURE

One of these Mithras men was the late Colonel William Parkinson, who coaxed Stanley Matthews from Stoke to Blackpool.

When he collapsed and died last year just after a match he left £81,000.

The Colonel used to travel thousands of miles in a Rolls-Royce looking for players.

Another was John H. Dean, of Fulham. With his magnificent waxed moustache and twinkling eyes, John H. was a perfect figure.

He was also the only man in football who owned a League ground.

When asked why he spent a fortune on Fulham, he replied: "My dear sir, for the pleasure it affords me." He left £63,000 when he died in 1944.

Today his son Charles Dean, carries on the same Fulham traditions of generosity and goodwill.

MYSTERY EXPLAINED

When Will Manning had his rumpus with Middlesbrough last year it was reported at the time that a group of Oldham businessmen wanted "to get a bank overdraft of £15,000 and raise the balance by public subscription."

At that time Middlesbrough were asked £25,000 for their star, but Manning himself said he was worth only £12,000.

Another football "mystery" is that clubs who often seem in the red are still able to buy expensive top star players.

All this has happened, of course, is that one director, or a group, has personally guaranteed the bank overdraft.

When Manchester United were on the brink of bankruptcy in 1931, Mr. J. W. Gibson, of Hale, a small town outside Manchester, stepped in and for several months made himself personally responsible for the club's expenditure.

He stood to lose thousands. Last season United grossed a profit of over £50,000.

'STOOGE' MANAGERS

But in spite of the examples of Taylor, Dean Gibson, Mr. H. H. Merrett, the Cardiff boss, and Sir Samuel Hill Wood, the late Arsenal chairman—another to spend a fortune on football—the transfer system as it stands today is rotten.

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## ES A LESSON

New name for holding Sam Swad, American golfs top money-maker (£11,812 this year), is "The Affluent Hills."

Sam has just stepped up his fees for one playing lesson to £8. It was previously a mere £6 not including caddies' fees.

The British professional's average fee for an hour's golf tuition is 10s.

THE FIVE CHAMPIONS

Five British world champions were together for the first time in London last week. They were James Dear (rackets), Reg Harris (cycling), Johnny Leach (table tennis), Freddie Mills (tennis) and Freddie Mills (tennis).

Occasion was a dinner given by the Sports Writers' Association. Said Reg Harris: "There are five British world champions here tonight but there won't be enough until there are 25."

—(London Express Service)

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## MORAL SUPPORT



Danny O'Sullivan, British Bantamweight Champion, gives the boys moral support in a boxing exhibition at St David's School, Gloucester Road, in London.

## BRITAIN'S CYCLISTS WILL RIDE IN CURACAO

Seventy-five lucky people, Britain's athletes and officials, ate their Christmas dinners in warmer latitudes than Britain's on board the Shaw Savill liner Tamaroa en route to the Panama Canal.

Here are some of the temptations those in training will have to withstand: Cigarettes, 2s. 6d. for 50; Whisky, 1s. the "double"; Gin, 9d. the "double"; Liqueurs, 1s. the glass.

Actually the temptation will be strong, for the athletes are used to doing without. They will do something to keep themselves fit on the voyage.

CYCLING ASHORE

For instance, the cyclists will go ashore at Curacao and Panama for practice runs, and will have aboard two cycle rollers for training. There is a mat for the wrestlers, and for all there will be a full-sized weighing machine.

Medical officer in charge of the party is Dr Harold Moody, competing in New Zealand as a weight putter. There are 10 members of the English and 10 of the Scottish team. Among the travellers are John Parlett, the half-miler, Terry Higgins, quarter-miler, N. H. Drake, hammer, and a group of women athletes, Sylvia Chocoman, Dorothy Tyler, Jean Desforbes, Margaret Walker, Dorothy Manley, among them. There are swimmers too.

STAR SCHOOL SIDE

I hear from Rossall that seven of this year's remarkable cricket side—the team of the school year—will be available again next summer. There will certainly be more records to come.

Nos. 9 and 10, Mellich and Nabb, may be promoted in the batting order! Both scored centuries in house matches, and No. 11, Watson, had an average of 25 for the school.

No school side got them all out; in 13 matches they lost all 10 wickets on two occasions only. To a first innings score of

255 by Shrewsbury they replied with 343 for four, which included the last 21 in five minutes. Marland made 130 in the first innings and 70 not out in under the hour in the second.

—(London Express Service)

Norwegians Not Coming Here

It was announced by the Hongkong Football Association last night that a cable was received yesterday from the Norwegian Football Association, stating that they could not accept the invitation to come to the Colony during Chinese New Year.

However, they suggested that if further invitations were sent between October and November 1950, they will consider the matter again.

Soldier's Wind For Macao Yacht Race

By "MANSHEET BLOCK"

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's annual Boxing Day race to Macao and back brought 10 yachts of the cruiser division to the starting line shortly after daylight on Boxing Day.

This is an annual race of 74 miles for the La Cigale Cup presented by the Commodore, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, whose famous old La Cigale set the record time prewar of 12 hours 23 minutes for the course.

Thanks are due to the small group of sailing enthusiasts from Macao who not only anchored at the club but also acted as a lonely watch for many hours two miles off the Macao shore but turned out in two of their own yachts, a Nereida and Lola to shepherd the contestants round the mark for the return journey.

With a soldier's wind right round the course, it was an easy race and mostly very fast, the yachts with eased sheets at times logging the maximum speeds of 12 knots. The faster boats at least it was most unexpected. In a down wind start Ariki and Nona went over the line first with the remainder bunched close behind.

Kunlung, Mrs Marden's new sloop making her debut in Hong Kong, and ably sailed by F. S. Cooke, after an exciting tussle with 1,000 sq. ft. spinnaker, soon bore to the front.

SULPHUR CHANNEL

Sailing through Sulphur Channel 45 minutes after the start the order was Orion, Kunlung, Ariki, Nona, La Cigale and Aquilla, the rest straggling out.

Here Ariki pulled one out of the bag by bearing away alone to the northward, to take the northern route, the remaining yachts, electing to keep together via Chung Chau. That Ariki was right was to be proved eight hours later when she rounded at Macao on the same headwind and clock on the heels of the fast trio.

With the easterly wind dying the leading yachts, Orion, Kunlung and La Cigale had the slower back markers overhaul and in individual instances pass them when they encountered a flat patch beyond Chung Chau.

For nearly two hours little distance was made on course.

Calms allowed La Cigale to come right up on Kunlung and generally upset everyone's calculations. Orion having sailed the course in 14 hours, 3 mins., 43 secs. finished first at 21.03.43 followed shortly after by Kunlung just ahead of La Cigale, then Ariki, Dan, Nona, Muya had the misfortune on arrival at Macao to find the mark already gone.

German Swimmer Sets Record

Solingen, Dec. 29.—Walter Klinge, of Germany, today swam the 100 metres breaststroke in 1 min. 8.5 secs., which is a tenth of a second faster than the European record for the distance.

Clubs of France, established the record at 1 min. 8.6 secs. nearly eight years ago.

Earlier this year Klinge covered the 100 metres breaststroke in 1 min. 7.1 secs., as compared with the world record of 1 min. 7.2 secs. but his time has not yet been confirmed as a new record.—Reuter.

ARGENTINE HAT-TRICK

Madrid, Dec. 29.—Three South American football teams all won their matches in Spain today, the Argentine Racing Football Club beating Valencia by five goals to three at Valencia, the San Lorenzo team of Argentina winning by three goals to two against Atletico de Madrid.

A junior Argentine team won their match against a Spanish selection of young players in Madrid by four goals to one.—Reuter.

## O'SULLIVAN WON —BUT TEDDY WAS THE HERO

By ARCHIE QUICK

Just three years after winning the amateur title, Danny O'Sullivan, the Cockney with the Irish name, is professional Bantamweight Champion of Great Britain—an outstandingly good one following in the illustrious line of Palmer, Bowker, Stanley, Corbett, King, Paterson, Baldoock, Nobel, Pattenden and the rest of them.

But to me the hero of the title fight at the Royal Albert Hall was O'Sullivan's opponent, Teddy Gardner. Here is a little chap, rapidly balding although owing to only 28 years of age, who has been pitchforked into the limelight because of Champion Stan Rowan's retirement from the bantam ranks.

True, Gardner had beaten Jackie Paterson, Norman Lewis, Eddie Carson and Gaston van den Bos, national champions all, but until a week or so ago, Gardner had no greater pretensions than to be a publican in his native West Hartlepool, to earn a modest living and remain a non-smoker and teetotaler.

As he said to me after his chance of a world title fight with Ortiz had disappeared: "I am only glad if I put up a good show for the 500 lads who came down South to support me."

GEORDIES CHEERED

And how these Geordies, high up under the roof of the mighty hall, shouted themselves hoarse as time and again their clever little idol made O'Sullivan look foolish by his adroit footwork and ducking.

Referee Sam Russell told me afterwards that when the end came—Gardner retired at the end of the ninth round with a nasty gash on his left eyelid—O'Sullivan was only just in front and that because of his extra caution, O'Sullivan's skill came from Gardner who certainly did not let down his supporters.

The other outstanding event of the evening was the first defeat of Earl Walls, the much-boasted Canadian coloured heavyweight. His conqueror was another new, Lloyd Baroett from Jamaica. It was just about the most ferocious fight I have seen since the war.

Walls had Barnett down in the second round for three counts and again in the third round, and the spectators were shouting for the bout to be stopped. But Barnett came back after terrible punishment and after that the two men fought evenly, each of them winning a round.

Walls tired rapidly and was himself down twice in the eighth and last round to lose on points.

When Walls was gaining a succession of one-round victories, many boxing observers were not satisfied about his being hoisted into the top class until he had been seen taking punishment. Well, he shook like a reed the first time Barnett landed properly and this may put paid to the "£1,000 challenges" on his behalf to fight Bruce Woodcock for the Empire Championship.







# Chinese Reds Meet Student Opposition

The Chinese Communists in Shanghai are encountering active organised opposition to their rule from disillusioned students, who were formerly considered among the Reds' stoutest supporters, writes United Press correspondent Chang Ku-sin, who has just arrived from Shanghai.

A high Communist educational official, admitting there are "signs" of opposition, confessed privately that the Red regime would not hesitate to take drastic action if this continued. Opposition is strongest in the private Ta-Hsia (Great China) University and the American-endowed University of Shanghai. This is at present crystallising in a battle for the control of student organisations.

The Ta-Hsia anti-Red students, who call themselves middle-roads, succeeded in ousting the Reds from the control of 40 per cent of the university's departmental student societies.

In the University of Nanking, also endowed by American missions, the Communist students lost to the "Moderate" group in the elections to the University Student Council, which runs the affairs of the university in accordance with the "democratic" administrative system advocated by the educational authorities for universities.

Opposition is also strong in private secondary schools in Shanghai. Pro-Red and anti-Red students in the assembly halls segregate themselves into

two separate groups, one singing the new Red anthem, the other the Nationalist anthem.

The Communist authorities are at present adopting a tolerant attitude toward the recalcitrant, but several anti-Red student leaders have been arrested for "mistaken thoughts".

## TEEN-AGERS

Teen-age secondary school students are also showing disgust of the new regime by asking all kinds of embarrassing questions in class about Soviet Russia and Soviet control of the Changchun railway, Dairen, and Port Arthur.

Students of the Fu-Shan secondary school once proved so difficult that their headmaster was compelled to warn them "to behave, or be subject to individual education"—meaning to spend a period in an indoctrination camp.

Student opposition came into the open during the election of representatives to a student rally held in Shanghai in November. Students both Ta-Hsia University and the University of Shanghai elected anti-Reds, but the Ta-Hsia Reds immediately annulled the election on the grounds that it was held "without adequate preparation."

The students later found this meant that the list of candidates had not been submitted to the Red-controlled Student City Union for approval. Protests were of no avail, and the Union ordered a new election in which all candidates were previously screened.

## FOUR NAMES

The students of one middle school, asked to elect four representatives to a November rally, wrote the names of Lenin, Stalin, Mao Tse-tung and Chu Teh on the ballots.

The president of the Red-controlled student union, Chang Yu-min, was frequently hissed and booed when he came to the podium to receive the list of names. Many Nanking students also changed their minds about the Reds. Some asked foreign diplomats to help them arrange passage to Hongkong and Formosa.

Students in State-owned universities are the most disillusioned group. They had formerly been paid tuition, board and lodging by the Nationalist Ministry of Education, who thus hoped to stem off Communist influence among the revolutionary-minded Chinese student class.

Following "liberation," the new authorities advised the students that only a few scholarships would be provided for exceptionally bright students. The rest could either continue their education by paying full tuition, or welcome to join the Communist Army. Owing to their financial plight, many students were forced to take the latter step.—United Press.

## To Tour The World

Antwerp, Dec. 29.—Four young Belgians and a Frenchman left Antwerp today on board a 70-ton boat to tour the world.

Their ship, the Armen, is a former French tuna fishing boat with a small auxiliary motor. It is sailing now towards Lorient, then to Tangier and Tenerife, and then to Central America.—Associated Press.

## She's A Winner



This girl is a winner, even for Hollywood—and the film city has christened Ann Miller the "most exciting prospect we have for the screens of 1950." Here, Ann is talking to famous ventriloquist Edgar Bergen.

## Noted Authority On Arab Affairs Dies At Ripe Age

London, Dec. 29.—Sir Henry McMahon, the author of the famous "McMahon Letters," which the Arabs claim promised them Palestine, died at his London home today, aged 87. He was a former Foreign Secretary to the Government of India and was the first British High Commissioner in Egypt.

The letters were a long correspondence with the Sherif Hussein, of Mecca, between July, 1915, and March, 1916, when Sir Henry was the High Commissioner in Cairo.

## Workers Wounded In Clash

Milan, Dec. 29.—Several workers were wounded today in fighting between police and demonstrators in Milan.

Two police officers and three policemen were reported injured by stones thrown.

Milan's Chamber of Labour said most factories in Italy's No. 1 industrial city immediately closed to protest against the shooting.

Fighting broke out when some 3,000 workers of the Vanzetti toothpaste factory, marching to protest against wages paid by the firm, met more 400 policemen who tried to break up the unauthorized demonstration.

The vanguard of the police hurled stones at the police who, in a first exchange, replied with tear gas bombs. Meanwhile, more workers from other factories came out to reinforce their companions.

A hand grenade was thrown but did not explode. Milan police later issued a communique denying that gunfire came from them. They said they used only tear gas.

The Chamber of Labour said the police used arms. They called a half-day strike in Milan on Friday affecting all but essential services. A rally will be held in the morning in Cathedral Square.—Associated Press.

## HANDICRAFT UNIONS

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Over 10,000 handicraft workers—70 per cent of the total number of employees in 58 different trades in the Chinese Communist capital of Peking—have been organized into 14 trade unions, a Communist broadcast reported tonight.

The trades concerned include building, dyeing, paper-making, rug-making, knitting and weaving, sewing, shoe-making, leather manufacturing, and special artistic handicrafts. Collective agreements between labour and capital were signed in these trades in the course of the formation of the unions, the broadcast added.—Reuter.

## Death At 107

Pouri, December 29.—Madame Irma Sarlon, retired school teacher, died on Wednesday night at the age of 107, the French News Agency said today.—Associated Press.

## Workers Wounded In Clash

About 20 years later he wrote to the London Times denying that he intended to include Palestine in the area of Arab independence.

"I also had every reason to believe at the time that the fact that Palestine was not included in my pledge was well understood by King Hussein," he wrote to the Times.

The British Government published the correspondence as a White Paper in Arabic and that original drafts of contemporary translations had been criticised because they did not reproduce accurately the Arabic of the actual letters.

British representatives on the Arab-British Committee, reporting to the 1939 Palestine Conference, maintained that on proper construction of the correspondence Palestine was excluded from the area of Arab independence.

The Arab representatives claimed that there was no doubt that "Palestine was, in fact and in intention, included by both parties to the McMahon-Hussein correspondence in the area of Arab independence."

The first 31 years of his working life were spent in the Indian Civil Service, which he entered about 1885, and left in 1914 to become the first High Commissioner to Egypt.

In India, he was a Political Officer until 1901. As the British Commissioner specially appointed for the task, he settled the Baluchistan - Afghanistan boundary between 1894 and 1899. He was also British Commissioner to arbitrate on the boundary between Persia and Afghanistan in 1903.

For the last three years of his career in India, he was Foreign Secretary to the Government of India.

In 1910, the Versailles Peace Conference appointed him British Commissioner on the Middle East International Commission. Since then, he has held industrial directorships, mainly in oil, shipping, banking and insurance.—Reuter.

## SHAKE-UP IN U.S. NAVY

Washington, Dec. 29.—The U.S. Navy tonight announced a shake-up of top admirals, including the retirement of Admiral William Blandy, Atlantic Fleet commander.

Vice Admiral William Fechtler, deputy Chief of Naval Operations, will succeed Admiral Blandy who was commander of "Operations Crossroads" the atomic bomb tests at Bikini in 1946.

Another four-star admiral, Thomas Kinkaid, will retire on May 1. He will be succeeded as Eastern Sea Frontier Commander by Vice-Admiral Oscar Badger.—United Press.

# SOVIETS DEMAND UNSEATING OF CHINA DELEGATE

Lake Success, Dec. 29.—The Soviet Union and the Soviet Ukraine unexpectedly demanded in effect today that the Security Council unseat the Nationalist Chinese delegation headed by Dr T. F. Tsiang.

Dr Tsiang angrily replied that it would be intolerable for the Council to accept dictation by a minority.

The Chinese case flared up without warning in a Security Council session called to discuss the Kashmir case. After an exchange of strong language between the Soviet bloc and the Nationalist delegation, the Council Chairman, General A. G. L. McNaughton, of Canada, ruled the incident closed and turned to the Kashmir affair.

Mr Jakob A. Malik, Deputy Foreign Minister, and Mr Andrei Y. Galagan, of the Ukraine, told the Security Council that Dr T. F. Tsiang, leader of what they called the "Kuomintang" delegation in the U.N., does not have the right to speak for the Chinese people in the U.N.

They repeated Soviet bloc assertions in the General Assembly that the Nationalist delegation should be removed and that it does not represent the Chinese people.

The declarations were made at the start of a session called to consider the Kashmir case. They had not been expected until next week when Dr Tsiang becomes Chairman of the Security Council.

Dr Tsiang angrily replied that the proposal to unseat his delegation would strike a blow at the legal basis of the U. N. He said if a member of the minority of the Council can deny the authority of a delegation, the Council would be reduced to a minority dictatorship which would be intolerable.

He said the demand by the Chinese Reds last month for the U.N. to unseat his delegation came from a puppet regime, while his delegation represents the constituted government in China.

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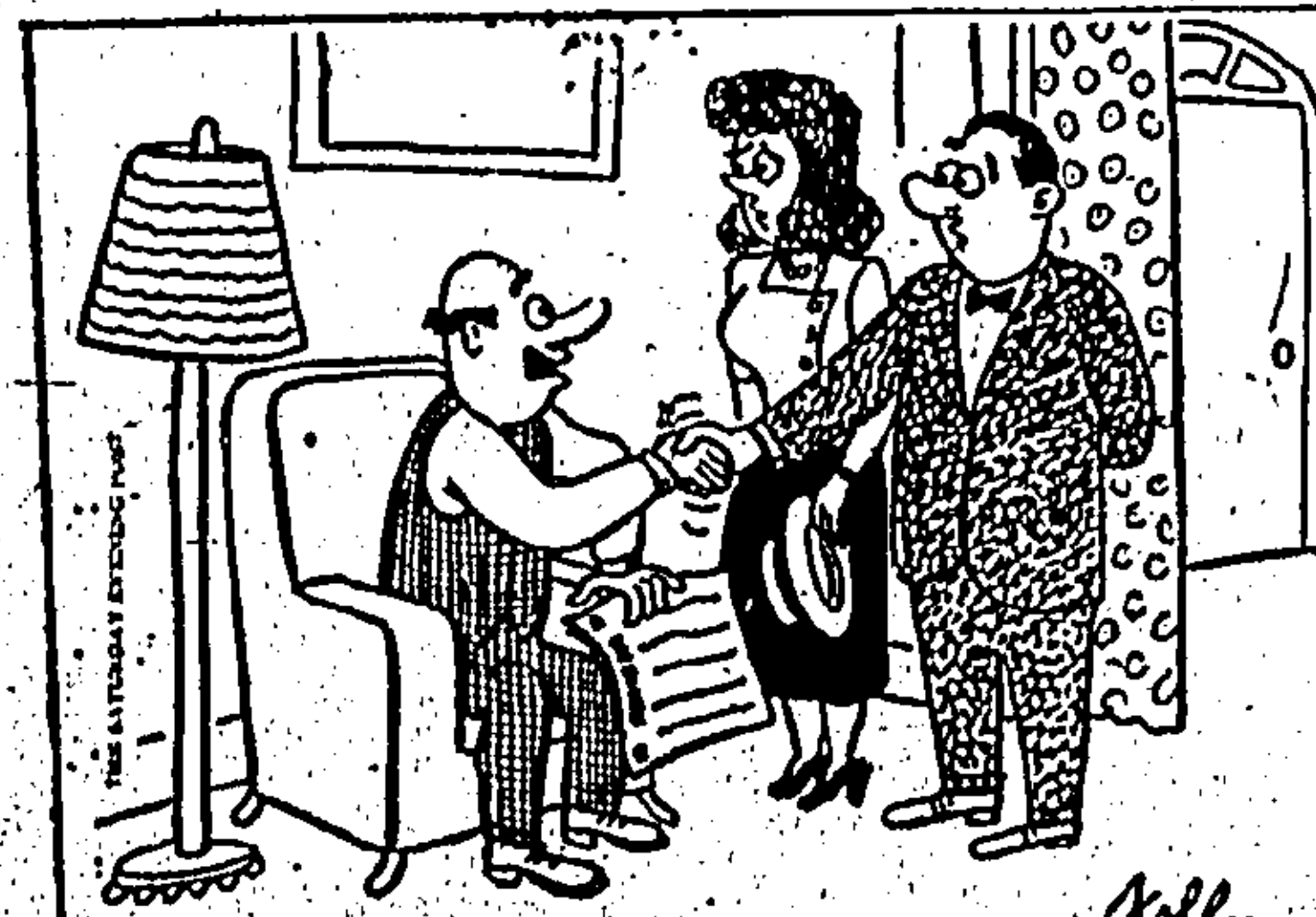
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